

Table 763. Establishment Births, Deaths, and Employment by Sector and Firm Type—Startups, Young, and Mature Firms: 2005

[In thousands (519 represents 519,000). A firm may have one establishment (a single unit establishment) or many establishments (a multi-unit firm). Firms are defined at the enterprise level such that all establishments under the operational control of the enterprise are considered part of the firm. Sectors based on the Standard Industrial Classification System (SIC); see <http://www.osha.gov/pls/imis/sic_manual.html>. These data include nearly all nonfarm private establishments with paid employees as well as some public sector activities. The Business Dynamics Statistics data measure the net change in employment at the establishment level. Data are not to be compared with Tables 759, 761, and 764, which are shown by industry based on North American Industry Classification System codes. Data are also not comparable to U.S. Small Business Administration data due to differing survey methodologies. For more information about concepts and methodology, see <http://www.ces.census.gov/index.php/bds/bds_overview>. Minus sign (-) indicates decrease]

Sector and firm type ¹	Establishments			Number of employees	Change in employment				
	Number	Births ²	Deaths ³		Net total	Due to births ²	Due to deaths ³	Due to birth and expansion ⁴	Due to death and contraction ⁴
All sectors: ⁵									
Startups ⁶	519	519	-	3,444	3,444	3,296	-	3,444	-
Young firms ⁷	2,512	100	408	23,990	-996	675	2,473	4,386	5,382
Mature firms ⁸	3,533	169	238	87,600	-162	3,072	2,877	10,209	10,371
Agriculture:									
Startups ⁶	12	12	-	67	67	67	-	67	-
Young firms ⁷	57	3	10	473	36	23	49	142	106
Mature firms ⁸	45	2	4	607	-2	22	28	97	100
Mining:									
Startups ⁶	1	1	-	12	12	12	-	12	-
Young firms ⁷	7	(Z)	1	77	-3	2	11	16	19
Mature firms ⁸	14	1	1	392	12	14	11	57	45
Construction:									
Startups ⁶	38	38	-	179	179	179	-	179	-
Young firms ⁷	269	13	53	2,066	-105	52	235	446	551
Mature firms ⁸	246	8	23	3,984	-137	55	167	571	707
Transportation, communication, and utilities:									
Startups ⁶	22	22	-	148	148	(Z)	-	148	-
Young firms ⁷	104	5	20	993	-64	33	124	180	244
Mature firms ⁸	168	12	15	5,383	-16	302	212	724	740
Wholesale:									
Startups ⁶	24	24	-	130	130	130	-	130	-
Young firms ⁷	147	5	22	1,167	-35	28	110	201	236
Mature firms ⁸	285	12	17	5,690	4	210	204	692	688
Manufacturing:									
Startups ⁶	16	16	-	206	206	206	-	206	-
Young firms ⁷	102	3	15	1,450	-53	39	157	253	306
Mature firms ⁸	205	5	13	13,482	-153	231	335	1,171	1,324
Retail:									
Startups ⁶	118	118	-	960	960	960	-	960	-
Young firms ⁷	519	18	95	5,189	-555	124	623	772	1,327
Mature firms ⁸	835	37	46	18,760	105	802	481	2,210	2,105
Finance, insurance, and real estate:									
Startups ⁶	53	53	-	234	234	234	-	234	-
Young firms ⁷	241	10	35	1,552	-66	58	167	291	357
Mature firms ⁸	422	39	40	6,688	-85	477	467	1,031	1,116
Services:									
Startups ⁶	233	233	-	1,507	1,507	1,507	-	1,507	-
Young firms ⁷	1,065	42	157	11,024	-151	315	997	2,084	2,235
Mature firms ⁸	1,312	52	80	32,614	109	959	971	3,657	3,548

- Represents zero. Z Less than 500. ¹ Establishment type is computed by taking the difference between the current year of operation and the birth year. Firm age is computed from the age of the establishments belonging to that particular firm. For more information, see <http://www.ces.census.gov/index.php/bds/bds_overview>. ² Birth year is defined as the year an establishment first reports positive employment. ³ Death year is defined as the year an establishment permanently shuts down. ⁴ For explanation of expansions and contractions, see <http://www.ces.census.gov/index.php/bds/bds_overview>. ⁵ Excludes government and those sectors not elsewhere classified. ⁶ Less than 1 year old. ⁷ 1-10 years old. ⁸ More than 10 years old.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Center for Economic Studies, "Business Dynamics Statistics," <http://www.ces.census.gov/index.php/bds/bds_database_list>, accessed August 2010.